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SUBJECT: AFTERMATH OF AMBASSADORIAL RECALL

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1. THE JULY 27 WEEKLY PARTY PAPERS CARRIED NEWS ITEMS AND COMMENTARY ON THE AMBASSADOR'S RECALL. THE PNP-AFFILIATED "PUBLIC OPINION" EDITORIAL SAID THAT THE DEPARTURE OF THE AMBASSADOR IS A "HAPPY RIDDANCE." IT SAID THAT THE LESSON TO BE LEARNED FROM THE AFFAIR WAS THAT CARE SHOULD BE EXERCISED IN THE SELECTION OF AMBASSADORS TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE SYMPATHETIC TO THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE COUNTRY TO WHICH THEY ARE ASSIGNED. OTHER SIGNED COMMENTARIES IN PUBLIC OPION WERE OF THE SAME TONE, IT COMMENTED FAVORABLY ON THE FACT THAT THE PRIME MINISTER HAS CALLED FOR CONTINUING GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES

2. THE JLP-AFFILIATED "VOICE OF JAMAICA" CARRIED SHEARER'S STATEMENT ON THE FRONT PAGE, BUT NO EDITORIAL COMMENT

3. THE JULY 27 "CATHOLIC OPINION" EDITORIALIZED THAT THE AMBASSADOR'S RECALL WAS "INCREDIBLE." IT SAID THAT IN VIEW OF THE GUYANA BAUXITE NATIONALIZATION, CONCERN IN UNCLASSIFIED

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THE US WAS UNDERSTANDABLE, BUT IT FAILED TO SEE WHY A

"DEAL" WAS NECESSARY. ALTHOUGH THE PERSONA NON GRATA STEP SEEMED TOO RAPID AND DEFINITIVE, A SIMPLE DENIAL FROM JAMAICA HOUSE WAS NOT SUFFICIENT TO CLEAR THE AIR

4. THE SATURDAY GLEANER RAN A LENGTHY FEATURE ARTICLE MORE ORIENTED TO THE VISA SITUATION THAN TO THE AMBASSADOR'S DEPARTURE

5. THE ONLY JULY 30 MENTION OF THE AMBASSADOR WAS A LETTER TO THE EDITOR OF THE GLEANER WHICH SUPPORTS THE PAPER'S CALL FOR AN EARLY PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE ON THE QUESTION, BUT ALSO WONDERS WHETHER THE 1971 CLIMATE VIS-A-VIS BAUXITE NATIONALIZATION DID NOT WARRANT US INTEREST

6. THE QUESTION WAS NOT DEBATED IN PARLIAMENT LAST WEEK AND PARLIAMENT IS NOT SCHEDULED TO SIT AGAIN UNTIL AUGUST 7. HEWITT

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